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SUBJECT: TURKISH PRESS ON U.S.-TURKISH RELATIONS

1. ALL MAJOR TURKISH NEWSPAPERS DEC. 9 GIVE HEADLINE TREATMENT TO VARIOUS ASPECTS OF RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN US-TURKISH RELATIONS. MASS CIRCULATION HURRIYET DEVOTES THE MOST SPACE TO THE SUBJECT WITH SIX FRONT-PAGE STORIES DEALING WITH US-TURKISH RELATIONS, THE CYPRUS PROBLEM, AND GREEK-TURKISH RELATIONS. THE MAIN STORY IS DATED NICOSIA AND HEADLINED "AMERICA PROPOSED FOUR-PART PEACE PLAN". THE FOUR ELEMENTS OF THE ALLEGED AMERICAN PROPOSAL ARE AS FOLLOWS:

A. TURKISH SIDE WILL MAKE A TERRITORIAL CONCESSION OF SIX TO EIGHT PERCENT.

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B. GREEK CYPRIOTS WILL ACCEPT THE TURKISH PROPOSAL FOR A FEDERATED STATE.  
C. SEPARATE TURKISH AND GREEK CYPRIOT "STTES" WILL BE ESTABLISHED.  
D. THE LAND GIVEN UP BY THE TURKISH SIDE WILL BE PLACED UNDER JOINT ADMINISTRATION.  
AS PART OF THE EVIDENCE THAT INTENSE NEGOTIATIONS ON A PEACE

PLAN ARE TAKING PLACE, HURRIYET NOTES THAT AMBASSADOR CRAWFORD HAS MET WITH TURKISH CYPRIOT LEADER DENKTASH THREE TIMES IN TWO DAYS AND THAT DENKTASH ALSO MET WITH SOVIET AMBASSADOR THE MORNING OF DEC. 8.

2. OTHER RELATED HURRIYET STORIES INCLUDE A REPORT OF THE BRUSSELS MEETING BETWEEN FONMIN CAGLAYANGIL AND SECRETARY VANCE. ACCORDING TO THIS STORY, THE MEETING TOOK PLACE AMID RUMORS THAT AN "AGREEMENT HAD BEEN REACHED". AN ATHENS DATELINED STORY REPORTS THAT GREEK SOURCES HAVE INDICATED THAT CARAMANLIS AND DEMIREL WILL MEET IN MAY. AN ANKARA DATELINED STORY UNDER THE HEADLINE "AMERICA IS APPLYING PRESSURE TO GREECE" REPORTS THAT AS A RESULT OF DISCUSSIONS THAT TOOK PLACE DURING FONMIN CAGLAYANGIL'S LAST VISIT TO THE US, AGREEMENT HAS BEEN REACHED ON A PLAN TO RESOLVE THE CYPRUS PROBLEM AND IMPROVE US-TURKISH RELATIONS. ANOTHER HURRIYET STORY WRITTEN BY CUNEYT ARCA YUREK FROM BRUSSELS REPORTS THAT TURKISH MILITARY AND DIPLOMATIC REPRESENTATIVES IN BRUSSELS ARE SPEAKING OPENLY ABOUT THE HOPE THAT THE TURKISH-AMERICAN DEFENSE COOPERATION AGREEMENT (DCA) WILL BE ENDORSED BY THE US CONGRESS BETWEEN JANUARY AND APRIL, 1978. HURRIYET ALSO PRINTS COMPLETE TEXT OF GIVE-AND-TAKE ON CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR ARTICLE AT STATE DEPARTMENT PRESS BRIEFING DEC. 7.

3. PRO-GOVERNMENT TERCUMAN HEADLINES ITS COVERAGE WITH A QUOTE FROM AN INTERVIEW WITH FONMIN CAGLAYANGIL: "THERE IS NO SECRET AGREEMENT BETWEEN TURKEY AND THE US." TERCUMAN ALSO UNCLASSIFIED

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CARRIES A STORY REPORTING THAT A STATE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN HAD CHARACTERIZED RECENT STATEMENTS BY TURKISH FONMIN CAGLAYANGIL AS PRESENTING A NEW FLEXIBLE ATTITUDE ON THE CYPRUS PROBLEM. ANOTHER TERCUMAN STORY NOTES THAT AMBASSADOR CRAWFORD HAD MET WITH TURKISH CYPRIOT LEADER DENKTASH FOUR TIMES IN 48 HOURS. TERCUMAN SAYS THE PURPOSE OF THE MEETINGS WAS TO DISCUSS AN AGREEMENT TO ESTABLISH A COMMISSION TO INVESTIGATE "MISSING GREEK CYPRIOTS". ACCORDING TO THE STORY, TURKISH CYPRIOTS WILL PERMIT THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SUCH COMMISSION UNDER THE AEGIS OF THE RED CROSS AND RED CRESCENT.

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4. OPPOSITION, LEFTISH CUMHURIYET GIVES THE SUBJECT LESS COVERAGE THAN MOST PAPERS BUT DOES CARRY A FRONT-PAGE STORY QUOTING NATO SECRETARY LUNS AS SAYING THAT NATO DOES NOT APPROVE OF THE AMERICAN ARMS EMBARGO AGAINST TURKEY. CUMHURIYET ALSO NOTES THE MULTIPLE MEETINGS BETWEEN AMBASSADOR CRAWFORD AND TURKISH CYPRIOT LEADER DENKTASH AND THE MEETING BETWEEN SOVIET AMBASSADOR AND DENKTASH, BUT DRAWS NO CONCLUSION AS TO THEIR PURPOSE.

5. SENSATIONALIST GUNAYDIN CARRIES AS ITS LEAD STORY A REPORT THAT GREEKS ARE CONCERNED THAT NATO HAS FALLEN UNDER TURKISH INFLUENCE. THE STORY PURPORTS TO BE BASED ON REPORTS APPEARING IN GREEK PRESS.

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6. LIBERAL MILLIYET HEADLINES ITS COVERAGE "CAGLAYANGIL RENEWED HIS CALL FOR PEACE TO ATHENS". VARIOUS STORIES ON INSIDE PAGES REPORT STATE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN BROWN'S COMMENTS ON TURKEY'S FLEXIBLE ATTITUDE; THE MEETINGS BETWEEN SECRETARY VANCE AND THE TURKISH AND GREEK FONMINS; AND AN ARTICLE FROM AVIATION WEEK REPORTING THAT TURKEY IS NOW FACED WITH AN ARMS EMBARGO FROM NATO. THIS LATTER STORY HAS TO DO WITH NEW GROUND RULES FOR TURKISH PURCHASES FROM NAMSA.

7. SEVERAL NEWSPAPERS COMMENT EDITORIALY ON RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN TURKISH-AMERICAN RELATIONS, TURKISH-GREEK RELATIONS,

AND CYPRUS DEVELOPMENTS. HURRIYET'S OKTAY ESKI GIVES A GENERALLY POSITIVE ANALYSIS OF DEVELOPMENTS AS REPORTED IN THE PRESS BUT CONCLUDES THAT THERE ARE TWO REMAINING UNCERTAINTIES: ATHENS' ATTITUDE AND DEPRIMIN ERBAKAN'S WILLINGNESS TO ALLOW THE GOVERNMENT TO DO WHAT IT NEEDS TO DO ON CYPRUS. TERCUMAN EDITOR GUNERI CIVAOGU REVIEWS THE MANY PROBLEMS FACING TURKEY, THEN CONCLUDES THAT IF REPORTS FROM BRUSSELS ABOUT IMPROVEMENTS IN TURKISH-AMERICAN RELATIONS ARE TRUE, IT IS A PRODUCT OF DEMIREL'S STRATEGY FOR REMAINING IN POWER. MILLIYET EDITOR ABDI IPEKCI DISCUSSES THE DIFFICULTY THAT ERBAKAN POSES FOR DEMIREL IN HIS EFFORTS IN REACHING AGREEMENT WITH THE IMF AND THE US. IPEKCI SAYS ERBAKAN MAY LET DEMIREL DO WHAT HE WANTS AND THEN CRITICIZE--AS HE HAS IN THE PAST. THIS IS THE BEST DEMIREL CAN EXPECT, IPEKCI CONCLUDES. LEFTISH CUMHURİYET SIMILARLY WRITES THAT DEMIREL KNOWS WHAT IS NECESSARY TO SATISFY THE WEST AND THAT HE IS WILLING TO DO IT. THE PROBLEM IS THAT ERBAKAN MAY BE ABLE TO VETO ANYTHING HE DOES. CUMHURİYET CONCLUDES THAT OF THE MANY PROBLEMS FACING TURKEY, THE MOST IMPORTANT IS ITS INADEQUATE GOVERNMENT. SPIERS

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